Commercial Loan

4993. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to provide commercial loan facilities;

(b) if so, the sector for which the said facilities are likely to be provided; and

(c) by what time these facilities are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Loan facilities are provided by commercial banks to various sectors of the economy taking into account the viability of the proposals. While extending loans and avances, banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to meet targets fixed *inter alia* for export credit and priorily sector credit.

Displaced of Tehri Dam

4994. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be plessed to state :

(a) whether the work pertaining to rehabilitation and compensation of land to displaced persons of Tehri Dam has not been completed so far;

(b) if so, the number of persons who have not received compensation of their land so far;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number and details of famillies who have not rehabilitated so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (d) Rehabilitation of the affected rural families is being done by the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Limited (THDC) in two phases. In Phase-I the population affected by the construction of Coffer Dam was to be rehabilitated while Phase-II would cover the remaining population affected by the construction of the Main Dam. Under Phase-I covering 2064 families, rehabilitation has been completed. Compensation paid and allotment given to all except for 30 persons who are yet to file their claims and 70 persons who have been given land allotment but their final award compensation is to be paid by the Revenue authorities of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Rehabilitation of Rural population in Phase-II would cover 2845 fully affected families and 3998 partially affected families before the impoundment of reservoir. Of these 446 fully affected families have been given compensation/allotment of land. Rehabilitation of remaining fully affected as well as partially affected families will continue *pari-passu* with the construction of the project.

Urban rehabilitation covering 5291 families within the cut-off-date of 6.6.1985 is in advanced stage of completion and the required residential plots, flats and shops have been constructed and allotments are largely made. Necessary compensation to house owners of Tehri Town have been paid.

[English]

Development of Towns

4995. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of minimum level towns which are proposed for integrated development, State-wise;

(b) the total funds released under this scheme; and

(c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR.U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Under the Revised Scheme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), towns are categorised into five levels A, B, C, D and E. The minimum level, i.e. "A" applies to towns under various categories for inclusion under IDSMT vests with the State Governments. At this stage, it is not possible to indicate the names of minimum level towns proposed for inclusion under IDSMT pending finalisation of the IX plan and decision regarding continuation of this Scheme.

(b) From inception of the Scheme till 31.3.97, total Central Assistance amounting to Rs. 291.25 crores has been released to various State Governments./UT Administrations.

(c) IDSMT projects are implemented in states and funds released in instalments depending upon status of progress, availablility of State Share, mobilisation of institutional finance, availability of budget, etc. Accordingly, no time limit for implementation of IDSMT projects is contemplated.

Expansion of Branches

4996. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to expand branches of all commercial banks during Ninth plan;

(b) whether the places have been identified for the same and

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) As per the existing Branch Licensing Policy of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), it is left to the judgement of individual banks to assess the need for opening additional bank branches within their service areas. The banks proposals for opening branches at rural centres are to be submitted to RBI through the concerned State Governments. As regards semi-urban centres, a specific quota is allotted to each bank depending on the size of the bank, for opening branches. The proposals for opening branches at semi-urban centres are considered by RBI on merits of each case. In respect of urban/metropolitan centres, identified localities are allotted to vari-